



# *The* Leaflet

March - April 2017

## **DOGS ON LEASHES CAMPAIGN**

**Rock the Leash,  
Get a Treat!**

## **SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR**

Education and Support for Families and  
Caregivers with Special Needs Individuals

## **LIGHTS, CAMERA, SAFETY!**

## **VIDEO CONTEST**

Share a Safety Tip





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Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Closed alternate Fridays)  
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**City Council** meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

- March 21
- April 18
- April 4
- May 2

**Parks and Recreation Commission** meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- April 20
- June 15
- May 18
- July 20

**Planning Commission** meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- April 13
- June 8
- May 11
- July 13

### City Telephone Numbers

Building Division	461-3470
Building Inspection	461-3468
City Clerk	461-3420
City Council	461-3420
City Manager's Office	461-3410
Community Policing Center	461-3530
Community Preservation	461-3474
Economic Development	461-3567
Etnies Skatepark	916-5870
Graffiti Hotline	461-3583
Housing	461-3569
OC Animal Care	249-5160
Passport & Notary	461-3420
Planning	461-3491
Public Works	461-3480
Recreation	461-3450
Sports Park & Recreation Center	273-6960

### City Websites

City	lakeforestca.gov
City Facebook	facebook.com/lakeforestca
Economic Development	lakeforestbusiness.com
	facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest	etnieskatepark.com
Sports Park & Recreation Center	lfsportspark.com
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## City Manager's Message

Since 2000, it has been my privilege to serve the residents and businesses of Lake Forest. As the Interim City Manager, I am both honored and humbled to have the opportunity to lead this organization so we can continue to deliver the high quality services that the community expects.



Over the past year, we have worked together with the community to create a vision for the new Civic Center, dubbed Lake Forest's 100-Year Home. I am pleased to announce that the project is moving full speed ahead as we prepare for a groundbreaking ceremony in the coming months to officially mark the beginning of construction. This will be a significant milestone in the City's history.

The unique craftsman-style Civic Center will be conveniently located in the center of the community, south of Commercentre Drive at the end of Indian Ocean Drive, which will be officially renamed "Civic Center Drive." The Civic Center will include a Performing Arts Center/Council Chambers that will seat approximately 200 people. This multi-purpose facility will be equipped with a state-of-the-art sound system and acoustics with video recording capabilities. The Civic Center campus will also be home to a new Senior Center where seniors can enjoy enrichment and fitness classes, computer training, arts and crafts, or can choose to simply enjoy the beautiful outdoors. In addition, a Community/Conference Center will offer an attractive space for business trainings and meetings, or occasions such as weddings, special events, and other memorable celebrations. City Hall and a Community Policing Center are also included in the project. The entire campus will be served by a two-level parking structure, providing ample parking for the variety of activities slated to occur.

Visit the Civic Center webpage at [lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter](http://lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter) for more information. While on the site, download a copy of the Schematic Design, which shows 3D views and depictions of each building at the Civic Center. We also encourage you to subscribe to the Civic Center newsletter by emailing [CivicCenter@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:CivicCenter@lakeforestca.gov) to stay abreast of the latest developments.

Sincerely,

*Debra D. Rose*

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Interim City Manager

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## City and Orange County Animal Care Work Together to Make Pet Adoptions Easier and Affordable

**Annual licensing fees reduced. Local pet adoption center will soon open in town!**

Adopting a pet is a rewarding gesture. With many residents opening their hearts and homes to shelter animals, the City has recently partnered with the Orange County Animal Care (OCAC) and the Pet Adoption Center of Orange County to open a local animal adoption center in Lake Forest as part of a one-year pilot program. While connecting adoptable pets with families is the organization's primary mission, the Pet Adoption Center will actively participate in community events to promote responsible pet ownership and offer volunteer opportunities at the center. The Pet Adoption Center is expected to open in April and will be located at 24331 Muirlands Boulevard, Suites E and F in the Lake Forest Village Center. Visit the City's website at [lakeforestca.gov](http://lakeforestca.gov) to stay posted on the grand opening.

Speaking of responsible pet ownership, licensing your pets is one of the most important steps pet owners can take to reunite lost dogs or cats with their owners. The City and OCAC have also made it affordable for residents to own a pet by reducing licensing fees from \$27 to \$20 for spayed/neutered dogs. In addition, senior citizens receive a 50% discount on pet licenses. Pet owners can conveniently renew their pet license at [ocpetinfo.com/license/info](http://ocpetinfo.com/license/info) or pick up an application and a pre-addressed envelope at City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or at the Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway).

Questions and comments regarding the adoption center or licensing fees can be directed to the City Manager's Office at 461-3410, or submitted via [asklakeforest.com](http://asklakeforest.com).



### Annual Licensing Fees

Lake Forest Residents	\$20
Seniors & Military Veterans	\$10

### bring your dog to Barker Ranch Dog Park

25600 Baffin Bay  
Open Dawn to Dusk

Visit [lakeforestca.gov/dogpark](http://lakeforestca.gov/dogpark)  
for park amenities and rules

**Dogs are required to be on  
leashes at any City park**

## Rock the Leash! Dogs on Leashes Community Campaign

With spring right around the corner, families and friends will start spending time at local parks to enjoy some sun, BBQ, and social time! If you plan to bring a four-legged furry friend along, the City reminds you to **Rock the Leash** and join many others who keep their dogs on leashes in public spaces – *it's the law*. If you're at the Sports Park and Recreation Center or any other Lake Forest parks and are stopped by a City representative handing you a t-shirt or doggie treats, that is because you were caught obeying the City's leash laws and we want to thank you for it!

## It's The Law

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### Benefits of Keeping Your Dog on a Leash

1

#### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

A person may be distressed, uncomfortable, or afraid of a dog. Let's be a good neighbor and respect those who wish to keep their distance.

2

#### PREVENT INJURIES

A dog could intentionally or unintentionally injure a person, another animal, or itself, as well as cause damage property.

3

#### REDUCE VETERINARY BILLS

Leashing a dog is the best way to keep your dog from being sick or injured. Harmful plants or objects and contaminated water may pose a health or safety concern to unleashed dogs.

## 2nd Annual Special Needs Resource Fair

**Saturday, April 29**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Lake Forest Sports Park Commons**  
28000 Rancho Parkway



Spring Crafts,  
Refreshments, Sports  
Activities, and Special  
Guests

Performances by  
Glee Academy  
and DJ-Hosted Music

**Free  
and  
open  
to  
the  
public**



### Resources Galore!

Access over 20 exhibitor booths  
with a wealth of information  
ranging from autism services  
to adult daycare to recreational  
sports and activities.

April  
is  
Autism  
Awareness  
Month

## Women Entrepreneur's Forum

**Friday, March 17**

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Lake Forest City Hall  
25550 Commercentre Drive

The City and SCORE are hosting a free Women Entrepreneur's Forum designed for current and prospective women entrepreneurs. The forum will commence with a networking breakfast to facilitate future business partnerships. The event will also include a panel discussion with Lake Forest female entrepreneurs, exhibitor booths from City resource partners, and roundtable discussions. Topics will include sales, marketing, leadership strategies, and strategic partnerships.

Light breakfast refreshments will be provided. RSVP with [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov) or call 461-3558.

## Commercial Broker/Property Manager Workshop

**Wednesday, April 5**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sports Park and Recreation Center  
28000 Rancho Parkway

The City is hosting a Commercial Broker/Property Manager Workshop for commercial brokers and property managers that represent Lake Forest business parks and retail centers. The workshop will include updates on the City's major development projects, information on the City's business resources, and insights on how to successfully navigate the City's planning and building review process. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP with [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov) or call 461-3558.

## New Businesses, Be in the Right Zone!

Prospective business owners are encouraged to submit a Zoning Confirmation letter prior to signing a lease to ensure the property is located in the correct area for its intended use. For example, an auto repair shop could be a permitted use in the industrial zoning districts, but could be prohibited in some commercial zoning districts depending on operational characteristics. If you are not sure which zone is right for your business or would like a Zoning Confirmation letter, email [planning@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:planning@lakeforestca.gov) or contact the Development Services Department at 461-3491.

**Lake Forest Welcomes New Businesses!**

Learn more at [lakeforestbusiness.com](http://lakeforestbusiness.com) or

Contact [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov)



# COMMUNITY CONTESTS

## Sportswriter Contest

### Pickleball, Fun and Exercise... What's Not to Love About the Sport?

The popular sport of Pickleball continues its rapid growth in our community. There are now four permanent lighted courts at both the Lake Forest I Beach and Tennis Club (near Ridge Route Drive and Muirlands Boulevard) and also at the Lake Forest II Sun and Sail Club (corner of Lake Forest Drive and Toledo Way). They are open to both Homeowner Association members, as well as to the general public for a nominal playing fee.

I am excited to hear that more Pickleball courts and activities are planned for our community. Pickleball open play is now available at the Sports Park and Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you're thinking about playing and not quite sure how the game works, sign up for Pickleball demonstrations on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Drive). I've been playing Pickleball for three years and am very glad to hear that the City will be opening three new Pickleball courts at the future Portola Park this fall.

Word of Pickleball is rapidly spreading as its popularity continues to grow. Where else can the whole family enjoy fun, laughter, camaraderie, and exercise together other than on a Pickleball court. While we wait for the new Pickleball courts to come in, if you and your friends would like to learn, observe, or play this family-friendly sport, contact John Zucco at [jzucco@cox.net](mailto:jzucco@cox.net) to get started! You can also google Pickleball USA to find out additional information about this popular sport.

Thank you John Zucco for sharing your ongoing passion for Pickleball! If you have a story to tell about any sports-related topic, email [chon@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:chon@lakeforestca.gov) by May 22 for a chance to win prizes.

### Lights, Camera, Safety! Video Contest

**Deadline: Monday, April 10** Safety is the focus of an upcoming community video intended to raise awareness on simple steps one can take to keep safe. The Lights, Camera, Safety! video contest encourages Lake Forest residents to submit a video of them sharing a few safety tips to be featured in an upcoming safety video. This unique opportunity will add a personal touch from your neighbors around town! Winners whose videos are selected will receive a Wireless Security Camera and other safety prizes! Winners will be notified on April 17. **If you have any questions, contact the Public Information Office at 282-5214.**

### RULES

- Video files must be sent to [chon@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:chon@lakeforestca.gov) (Dropbox, transferbigfiles.com, or other file sharing websites are ideal) or dropped off at City Hall, 2nd floor.
- Provide your first and last name and the number of years as a Lake Forest resident.
- Maximum video length is 15 seconds. The City reserves the right to modify the video as appropriate.
- Video files must be in the highest quality possible (1080p is ideal). Accepted file formats are .mov, .wmv, .avi, .mp4, and mpeg.
- Videos must not contain any text, logos, or background music.

## Caption This

Thank you to everyone who captioned this photo! The winning captions are:

- *Hang on sweetie. But you were supposed to go IN the basket.* – Debby Ingraham Russell
- *Alley...oops!* – Melissa Calvano
- *Daddy told me to reach for the stars! This is only my first step!* – Roddy Jordan
- *That precious moment a parent realizes college is paid for!* – Jessica Hall

Look for the next photo on the City's Facebook page ([facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://facebook.com/lakeforestca)) on April 3 and caption it in 25 words or less. Comments must be appropriate and will be judged based on wit, creativity, humor, and originality.



## City Expands Major Corridor to Move Traffic Along While Beautifying the Roadway

With over 25,000 daily commuters, the Portola Parkway Widening/Streetscape Improvement project provides much-needed traffic relief, especially during peak morning and evening commuting hours. The project added a third southbound lane between SR-241 and Rancho Parkway, as well as a dedicated lane for vehicles exiting SR-241. “Relieving congestion is important and we hope that the thousands of daily commuters will notice the difference in traffic flow,” said Tom Wheeler, Director of Public Works/City Engineer. In addition, a portion of the sidewalk between SR-241 and Rancho Parkway was extended to improve pedestrian safety.

This project also included landscape and irrigation improvements from SR-241 to El Toro Road. As commuters travel along Portola Parkway, they will see beautifully landscaped medians filled with drought tolerant plants including the blue fox agave and the vibrant yellow colors of the new gold lantana. This new landscaping uses reclaimed water. With this project, Lake Forest has completed another major component of the Orange County Transportation Authority’s Master Plan of Arterial Highways.



Blue fox agave



New gold lantana

### What is a Master Plan of Arterial Highway?

The Master Plan of Arterial Highways ensures that a regional arterial highway network would be planned, developed, and preserved to supplement the County’s developing freeway system.

## Apply Today! Housing Rehabilitation Loans Available

As part of the City’s Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, eligible Lake Forest homeowners may receive up to \$30,000 and mobile homeowners may receive up to \$15,000 to improve their homes. The program offers 0% deferred loans to residents that meet income qualifications. There are no monthly payments on this loan and the total payment is due at the time of sale, refinance or transfer of title. For those residents choosing to make payments, a 3% loan with amortized payments over 15 years is also available.

To qualify, applicants must live on the property, have sufficient equity in the home, have not received assistance previously, not exceeded the asset limitations, and meet income restrictions noted in the chart.

Eligible repairs include roofing, windows, exterior and interior painting, plumbing, electrical, garage doors, and energy efficiency/weatherization items. Any code violations or health and safety items must be corrected as a condition of funding. Homes built prior to January 1, 1978 must comply with the federal regulations regarding lead-based paint requirements. Please contact Theresa Dobbs at 461-3473 or [tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov) for a loan application.

Household Size	Gross Income Per Year
1	\$54,600
2	\$62,400
3	\$70,200
4	\$78,000
5	\$84,250
6	\$90,500
7	\$96,750
8	\$103,000



## Please Don't Poo-lute

Contrary to popular belief, pet waste is not good fertilizer for the environment. In fact, animal waste can contain several types of pollutants such as bacteria, pathogens, nutrients, and ammonia that can cause pollution problems. With rainfall or landscape irrigation, pet waste left on lawns, beaches, trails, and sidewalks can wash into storm drains, and then flow directly into the creeks, lakes and the ocean causing pollution and even potential harm to human health. Some of the common diseases spread by animals via animal feces include campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidium, toxocarasis, and toxoplasmosis.

Animal waste that ends up in water bodies also decomposes and uses oxygen from the water. This can kill fish and plant life by depleting the oxygen levels below the amount that is needed to sustain life. In addition, the nutrients in animal waste can cause excessive growth of aquatic weeds and algae. These conditions can place an even higher demand for oxygen from the water and cause the water to become murky, green, or covered by a thick mat of vegetation. This can ultimately result in damage to the environment and the loss of beneficial uses such as swimming, boating, surfing, and fishing.

What can you do to help? It's simple. Don't forget to pick up after your pet. Bring a bag or get one from a doggie bag dispenser, clean it up, and then properly dispose of it in the toilet or trash. If you would like more information on preventing pollutants from reaching the storm drain, the City has partnered with other Orange County agencies to develop an online resource webpage at [overwateringisout.org](http://overwateringisout.org). To report pollution, contact the 24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline at (877) 89-SPILL. For more information, contact Public Works at 461-3480.



## FAIR HOUSING

An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3569.



For more information,  
call Public Works  
at **461-3480**.

# Expand the Forest

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. For more information, contact Public Works at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	DEDICATION
<b>BORREGO OVERLOOK PARK</b>		
Gib, Kimberly, Bailey, Parker, and Jillian Bosworth	Sycamore	Eric Wong - A man among men. May this tree flourish as you will in our hearts. You made a great impact on all of us. Father, son, husband, and friend.
Kenneth McClellan	Sycamore	Edward J. McClellan
Kenneth McClellan	Sycamore	Emma G. McClellan
<b>FOOTHILL RANCH COMMUNITY PARK</b>		
Chrissie, Mason, and Ava Andreini	Sycamore	In memory of Larry Andreini
<b>RANCHO SERRANO PARK</b>		
Cony Weir, Jeanette, Mapa, Sonia, Aurora, Maritza, Caro, Roxana Maite, & Eliza	Sycamore	Mima To siempre seguiras viva En Nuestros Corazones
Karen Stein-Cueva	Magnolia	"If you want great friends, be one." To a great friend, Tiffany Martin.
Robert and Christina Beckman	Liquid Ambar	Bob and Rosalinda Beckman. Always watching over us.





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# Recreation & Events **CALENDAR**

## Spring 2017

**Friday, MARCH 31**

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

### Band Nights at the Skatepark

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: Free to attend

**Saturday, APRIL 8**

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Etnies Egg-cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$5 for egg hunt, games, crafts, and jumpers

Pre-registration required.

**Saturday, APRIL 8**

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Bunny Blast: An Egg Wonderland!

El Toro Park  
23701 Los Alisos Blvd.

Fee: Free to attend

\$10 pre-sale wristband available for games, rides, and attractions.

(Pre-sale wristband purchase at the Recreation Center highly recommended)

**Saturday, APRIL 22**

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Pickleball Demo

Pittsford Park Tennis Courts  
21701 Pittsford Dr.

Fee: Free to attend

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

**Saturday, APRIL 29**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Special Needs Resource Fair

Lake Forest Sports Park Commons  
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend

**Saturday, MAY 6**

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Rancho Days Fiesta

Heritage Hill Historical Park  
25151 Serrano Rd.

Fee: \$5 per person  
children under age 3 free

**Saturday, MAY 6**

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Summer Camp Preview Day

Lake Forest Sports Park  
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend

**Tuesday, MAY 16**

8:00 a.m.

### Resident Registration for Summer Camps, Classes, and Programs

Save the Date



For more information, call Community Services at **461-3450** or the Sports Park at **273-6960**